

FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2013 ACTION PLAN

As lead agency for the Mobile County Consortium, Mobile County Commission prepares an Action Plan which sets the activities to be undertaken with funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

In addition to the 2013 CDBG allocation of \$1,652,536, the proposed amendment includes reallocation of \$121,850 from overages from previous years' activities. The PY2013 CDBG activities include:

PY2013 ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH CDBG FUNDS

PUBLIC FACILITIES/WORKS	Amount Allocated	Amended Amount
1. Road Resurfacing – City of Prichard	\$220,000	\$276,000
2. Road Resurfacing – City of Chickasaw	\$125,000	\$125,000
3. Waterline Relocation – Mobile County unincorporated	\$352,052	0
4. Public School Improvements	\$354,514	\$145,000
5. Construction of Homeless Facility – City of Mobile	\$100,000	0
6. Rehabilitation/Accessibility for Group Home – West Mobile County	\$18,500	\$50,000
7. Rehabilitation of Facility for Handicapped Services – City of Mobile	0	\$50,000
8. Demolition and Construction of Senior Center – Town of Mount Vernon	0	\$350,000
9. Dist. 3 Bridge Replacement – City of Bayou La Batre	0	\$200,000
Total amount allocated to public facilities/works	\$1,170,066	\$1,196,000
PUBLIC SERVICES	Amount Allocated	Amended Amount
10. Homebuyer Counseling	\$25,000	\$3,284
11. Prescription Drug Assistance	\$10,000	\$15,000
12. Child Abuse Victim Assistance	\$16,200	\$25,000
13. Home Modifications – ADA Compliant	\$10,000	\$10,000
14. Senior Services Activities	\$50,000	\$50,000
15. Victim Service Provider Assistance	\$13,000	\$13,000
16. Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy	\$7,500	\$7,500

17. Summer Youth Program	\$25,000	\$33,700
18. Juvenile Transitional Program	\$50,000	\$50,000
19. Homeless Prevention Project – Legal Assistance	0	\$30,395
20. Food Program for Seniors – Grand Bay Senior Ctr.	0	\$10,000
Total amount allocated to public services	\$206,700	\$247,879
21. Total amount allocated to Planning and Administration	\$330,507	\$330,507
TOTAL CDBG BUDGET	\$1,707,273	\$1,774,386

The following Table represents reallocated CDBG funds from previous years from activities that were completed under the original budget.

Program Year	CDBG Activity	Unused Funds
2010	Prichard Street Resurfacing (complete)	\$3,491.35
2010	Chickasaw Handicap Ramps (complete)	\$45,993.74
2010	Davis Park Improvements (complete)	\$5,192.73
	2010 TOTAL	\$54,677.82
2011	Public School Playground Improvements (complete)	\$60.00
2011	Mobile County Road Resurfacing (complete)	\$2,056.04
2011	CDBG Administration (complete)	\$8,963.35
2011	Prichard Street Resurfacing (complete)	\$56,092.35
	2011 TOTAL	\$67,171.74
	GRAND TOTAL	\$121,849.56

PUBLIC FACILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Road Resurfacing- City of Prichard (LMA)

Provide funds to resurface roads in the City of Prichard located in low/mod area. Streets include: Cranberry Street, West Clark Avenue, McCants Avenue, Vickers Avenue, Eckford Street. Funds were increased due to increased cost estimates.

Proposed benefit: 3,125 people.

2. Road Resurfacing - City of Chickasaw (LMA)

Provide funds to resurface streets in the City of Chickasaw located in low/mod area. Streets include: Iroquois Street, Johnston Street, Gulf Street Alley NW, Gulf Street Alley SW, and Jefferson Street. No change to the project.

Proposed benefit: 230 people.

3. Waterline Relocation – Mobile County unincorporated areas (LMA)

The waterline relocation on Albert Evans and Louis Tillman Road is now complete using previous year funding. Funding from this program is no longer required.

4. Public School Improvements – Mobile County Public School System (LMC)

Provide funds for playground and recreational improvements, construction of a playground, and covered walkways. The projects are located at three (3) low/mod schools in the County. Schools include: Wilmer Elementary, J. E. Turner Elementary, and North Mobile County Middle School.

Proposed benefit: 1,129 people

The project at J. E. Turner elementary school is amended to use all of the funds for construction of the playground and to cancel an outdoor classroom.

The project for the construction of a playground at Calcedeavor Elementary School is cancelled for 2013 since the construction of the school itself will not be complete till mid-2014.

5. Construction of Homeless Facility – City of Mobile (LMC)

Project cancelled.

6. Rehabilitation/Accessibility for Group Home – West Mobile County (LMC)

Provide funds to rehabilitate/renovate the kitchen and provide accessibility improvements for the kitchen and facility including some of the bathrooms. The facility is owned and operated by Mobile Arc, a non-profit organization. Mobile Arc is a community-based, family-centered, advocacy and service system for persons with cognitive, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. The group home, Wood Home, serves individuals with developmental disabilities. Funds were increased due to increased estimated cost.

Proposed Benefit: 7 people

7. Rehabilitation of Facility for Handicapped Services – City of Mobile (LMC)

Provide funds to rehabilitate a facility for Independent Living Center of Mobile. ILC provides various services for individuals with disabilities. The non-profit organization is relocating to a larger facility due to the increased number of individuals seeking services. This is a new project.

Proposed Benefit: 595 people

8. Demolition and Construction of Senior Center - Town of Mount Vernon (LMC)

Provide funds to demolish existing structure and construct a senior center. This is a new project.

Proposed Benefit: 50 people

9. Dist. 3 Bridge Replacement – City of Bayou La Batre (LMA)
Provide funds to rehabilitate a bridge on Lyon's Avenue (off of Little River Road) over Snake Bayou. It is on the north side of Bayou La Batre, west of SR 188. This is a new project.
Proposed Benefit: 20 people

PUBLIC SERVICES:

10. Homebuyer Counseling
Provide funds to a nonprofit organization that has an established framework of communication and outreach to low- and moderate-income persons to conduct one-on-one housing counseling, Homebuyer Training classes and to provide affirmative marketing of the program. Homebuyer counseling provides low-income homebuyers a guide to the home buying process and good financial management pre and post purchase of a home. Homebuyer Training classes are offered to provide equal access to all residents of the County to the Down Payment Assistance program and the Construction of Affordable Homes Program.
Proposed Benefit: 200 people

Funding from PY14 is reduced; however the overall funding to the agency remains \$25,000 as funds for this project are available from previous years.

11. Prescription Drug Assistance
Provide funds for a prescription drug assistance program, which provides pharmaceutical services at no cost to eligible low- and moderate-income persons. The program provides prescription medications as well as patient assistance service to aid patients with obtaining expensive name brand medications directly from the pharmaceutical companies. Funds increased.
Proposed Benefit: 225 people

12. Child Abuse Victim Assistance
Provide funds to assist with services that provide counseling and transportation to sexually abused child victims and their families living in Mobile County. Funds increased.
Proposed Benefit: 83 people

13. Home Modifications-ADA Compliant
Provide funds for home modifications for persons with disabilities to meet ADA guidelines. Modifications may include but are not limited to construction of ramps and the renovation of bathrooms and restrooms. No change to this project.
Proposed Benefit: up to 5 people

14. Senior Services Activities
Provide funds for a program director for a senior center to oversee programming, scheduling, and coordination of activities for persons age 62 and older that will be geared to the interests of the senior community plus designed to accommodate different ability levels. No change to this project.
Proposed Benefit: 300 people

15. Victim Service Provider Assistance
Provide funds to assist with direct services to sexual assault victims and their families. No change to this project.
Proposed Benefit: 60 people

16. Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy
Provide funds to assist a protection order assistance program for a domestic violence victims advocacy project with staffing expenses. No change to this project.
Proposed outcome: 40 people

17. Summer Youth Program

Provide funds for a summer youth development program at sites in Mount Vernon and Citronelle that will serve low/moderate income youth. Funds increased.

Proposed outcome: 150 people

The summer program has approximately \$16,300 remaining in 2011 CDBG funds that will be added to the project. Up to a total of \$50,000 in CDBG funds will be available for the project.

18. Juvenile Transitional Program

Provide funds for a transitional program for juveniles involved in the court system. The program is operated by a non-profit organization. No change to this project.

Proposed outcome: 15 people.

19. Homeless Prevention Project – Legal Assistance

Provide funds for legal services assistance for a Homeless Prevention Project. Assistance will include community presentations and free legal services to address civil legal issues that cause homelessness. Funds increased.

Proposed outcome: 240 people

20. Food Program for Seniors

Provide funds towards a senior feeding program at the Grand Bay Senior Center. This is a new project.

Proposed outcome: 60 people

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION PLANNING AND STUDIES

21. Provide funds for general program administration and a Comprehensive Watershed management plan for Three Mile Creek. The amount of funding for the plan is based on the total acreage of the City of Prichard (which accounts for 7.2% of the watershed's total area) and the total \$250,000 cost of this planning effort.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

In order to meet HUD's goal of Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, HUD is taking a closer look at all resources available to identify ways that we could create more housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. To that end, HUD has asked ESG recipients to focus more of their ESG funds on rapid re-housing, rather than homelessness prevention or emergency shelters. Recipient communities with remaining FY 2011 and FY 2012 funds have been encouraged to re-program and spend on rapid re-housing. The County is complying with the request.

The County is amending the PY2013 ESG project activities by cancelling Homelessness Prevention activity and adding Rapid Re-Housing activity. The amended PY2013 ESG activities include:

PY2013 ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH ESG FUNDS

ESG Activity	Amount Allocated	Amended Amount
Emergency Shelter	\$45,000	\$45,000
Homelessness Prevention	\$36,000	0
Rapid Re-Housing	0	\$36,000
Homeless Information Management System (HMIS)	\$28,400	\$28,400
Administration	\$8,870	\$8,870
TOTAL ESG BUDGET	\$118,270	\$118,270

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION:

- Homelessness Prevention –Tenant Based Rental Assistance: \$0.00
Activity cancelled.
- Homelessness Prevention – Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services: \$0.00
Activity cancelled.

RAPID RE-HOUSING:

- Homelessness Rapid Re-Housing –Tenant Based Rental Assistance: \$18,000
An estimated 9 homeless households will receive rental assistance averaging \$2,000 each to prevent homelessness over the two year funding term.
- Homelessness Rapid Re-Housing – Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services: \$18,000
An estimated 9 homeless households will receive housing relocation and stabilization services over the two year funding term.

A complete and detailed copy of the amendment will remain on file at the offices of the Mobile County Commission and will be available for public examination and copying upon request at the Mobile County Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The amendment is also available on the County web page, www.mobilecountyal.gov under Grants Department. Public comment is solicited and accepted beginning November 6, 2013 until 10:00 a.m. December 9, 2013, excluding holidays. Written comments are to be sent to Mr. John Pafenbach, County Administrator, Mobile County Commission, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36644.

The Mobile County Commission will also hold a public hearing to take citizens' comments prior to final adoption of the proposed amendment at the regular County Commission meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 9, 2013, in the auditorium, located on the ground floor of the Mobile Government Plaza, at 205 Government Street in Mobile, Alabama.

Spanish translation and/or clarification will be provided upon request. Please call Cathy Burden (251) 574-8099. La traducción y/o la clarificación española serán dados si hay solicitud. Llame por favor Cathy Burden (251) 574-8099.

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Mobile County Commission